

multiply venues in which people may gamble or are invited to gamble or are propagandized into gambling by state or local means, the more they will. Frankly, I don't believe that gambling is a social good. I happen to think it's a social ill, but no matter how you feel about it, I've got to think that we have made a reasonable accommodation with those among us who want to gamble. We've given them forums. We've given them mechanisms. In some cases, they've asked for it by petition processes and others we've passed them, but we do not have a public clamor for more types of gambling. I oppose the Hall amendment...

SPEAKER WITHEM: One minute.

SENATOR LANDIS: ...and I oppose LB 293 (sic).

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Yes, thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I rise to oppose the Hall amendment. Basically, the original bill allows off-track betting at horse races. The Hall amendment is actually a scaled-down version of a bill that he had in the General Affairs that no one appeared in support of. It wasn't acted upon. There was another bill (sic), LR 303CA, that we moved out of the committee just last week that would allow some casino operations at the race tracks and the keno operation, but it was moved out with the understanding that it was going to sit there. The people involved, the lobbyists said, don't worry, it's not going to move, it's going to sit there, we're not going to attempt anything with the bill (sic). And now we have an amendment. It's from maybe a different source but it's still basically about the same amendment. If you take a look at sports betting, I passed out a little bit about sports betting, we cannot get into sports betting. There's a federal law that it actually states it shall be unlawful for a governmental entity to sponsor, operate, advertise, promote, license or other...or authorize by law or compact or a person to sponsor, operate, advertise, to promote pursuant to the law or compact of a government entity a lottery, sweepstakes, or other betting, gambling or wagering scheme based directly or indirectly on one or more competitive games in which amateur or professional athletes, if they participate or are intended to participate on one or more performances of such athletes in such games. Now this was passed by the federal government in 1992. So whatever states were active at that